

AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 29 (a) OF SECTION 8-2181 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA (THE ATLANTA HOUSING CODE) SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT WHEN A VACANT, BURNED OR OTHERWISE DAMAGED OR DETERIORATED DWELLING HAS BEEN BOARDED, CORRECTIVE ACTION TO BRING THE DWELLING INTO FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE ATLANTA HOUSING CODE SHALL BEGIN WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DWELLING HAS BEEN BOARDED AND SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE BOARDING; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE RETROACTIVE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY
ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 29 (a) of Section 8-2181 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta (The Atlanta Housing Code) which currently provides as follows:

“(a) When a dwelling is vacant, the full application of this Code shall be held in abeyance for a period not to exceed six months, provided, that the exterior complies with the applicable provisions of this Code; the interior has been cleaned of trash, rubbish and debris; and the dwelling has been secured in accordance with the specifications set forth in Subsection (b) hereinafter and in Exhibit “A”. After said period of abeyance, the dwelling shall be brought into full compliance with the provisions of this Code.”,

is hereby deleted in its entirety with the following being substituted in lieu thereof:

“(a) When a vacant, burned or otherwise damaged or deteriorated dwelling has been boarded, corrective action to bring the dwelling into full compliance with the Atlanta Housing Code shall begin within thirty (30) days after the dwelling has been boarded and shall be completed and the boarding removed within a period of six (6) months from the date of the boarding. The dwelling shall be subject to an inspection beginning four (4) months from the date of the boarding.

Failure to have begun the corrective action necessary to bring the dwelling into full compliance with the Atlanta Housing Code within thirty (30) days after the dwelling has been boarded, and the failure to allow city code enforcement officers to gain access to the interior of the dwelling after proper notification, shall each constitute a separate violation of this Code.”

Section 2: Because this amendment is remedial in nature, its application shall be retroactive.

Section 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.